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For : PROCESS FOR FORMING TUBE-SHAPED  
HOLLOW BODIES MADE OF METAL

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Claims 1-5 (previously cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A process for forming a tube-shaped hollow body, the process comprising:

shaping a slab-shaped semifinished product into a closed cross-sectional profile;  
welding opposing edges of the semifinished product to produce the hollow body;  
mechanically partially expanding or partially reducing the hollow body

thereby changing the cross-sectional area of the hollow body;